



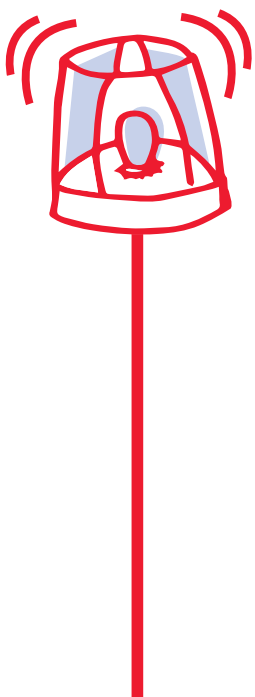
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## Finding information in an emergency

From time to time, unusual events like odours, noises, an evacuation or muster of employees, or emergency services attending the plant, do occur. When this happens, we have a number of ways to communicate with the local community including:

- Community Hotline 5149 6206 – anyone can call this number to obtain information about the Plant at any time.
- SMS Notification System – Esso sends a short message about events at the Plants to the mobile phones of people who have registered their details.
- Media Relations – in the event of a large-impact incident, Esso will use the mass media, such as radio or television news, to communicate important information to the wider community.

To sign-up to receive SMS messages from the Plant please call 5149 6206 to obtain a registration form or go to: [www.exxonmobil.com.au](http://www.exxonmobil.com.au)



### Siren

Community members should be aware that the siren at the Esso Longford Plants is sounded to alert on-site personnel only. People in the community do not need to take action in response to the sounding of this siren.

Please note that the siren is tested every Tuesday morning at 9.30.

In the case of an emergency, police and emergency services personnel will direct community members if action is required.

### Community Hotline

Call Esso's community hotline for information about Longford Plants.

**Ph: 5149 6206**



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# Community Bulletin



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## Healthy outlook for petroleum industry

Esso is pleased with the results detailed in the latest Health Watch Report, which revealed that petroleum industry employees have better health than the general Australian community.

The 15th Health Watch study is part of an ongoing Monash University Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health research program which looks at more than 20,000 people who have worked in the Australian petroleum industry in order to ascertain cancer risk and causes of death.

Esso has sponsored the study since 1980 via the Australian Institute of Petroleum and provided significant amounts of employee data which helped bolster the research.

As detailed in the 14 previous Health Watch reports, the chance of developing most types of cancer is no different for men and women in this industry compared with other Australians. Where cancers and deaths do occur, the overall death rates for men and women in the petroleum industry workforce are 20 percent lower than the national rates.

Esso Medicine and Occupational Health Manager, Dr Marcus Hirschfield, said the results of the report reinforced the company's, and the greater industry, efforts in looking after its workers.

"I am proud to say that health and safety are not just buzzwords at ExxonMobil and we take our roles as employee caretakers as seriously as we do our role in producing world-class energy solutions," he said.

The latest Health Watch Report is available at: <https://aip.com.au/programs/health-watch>.





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## Esso acts on PFAS concerns

When Esso opened its new Fire Training Ground at Longford 30 years ago, it was widely considered the best in the world.

This reflected how we approach matters of safety. The then Premier, John Cain, described our approach as thorough, sophisticated and dedicated.

Today PFAS from firefighting foam has become an issue for fire-training facilities and industrial plants globally, including Longford. It is a contaminant of emerging concern with unique properties.

Esso is currently implementing a comprehensive sampling program in and around Longford plants to determine the extent of any PFAS contamination.

"We have taken a highly conservative approach with regard to our investigations and continue to sample surface water, groundwater, soil and Longford

infrastructure to delineate and further our understanding of the impacts," said Longford PFAS Team Lead Dan Grapski.

The Federal Government set-up an Expert Health Panel last year to look at the worldwide scientific evidence about potential health impacts from PFAS exposure.

While they noted that further research is required regarding links between exposure to PFAS and certain health effects, the panel's advice is that the evidence does not support any specific health or disease screening or other health interventions for highly exposed groups in Australia, except for research purposes.

The Victorian Government advises that there has been no evidence of PFAS affecting the health or production of grazing livestock in Australia.

Nevertheless, Esso continues to follow Government recommendations, and in accordance with these, has adopted a precautionary approach to minimise exposure.

"We have developed an Interim Clean Up Plan (ICUP) with input from global environmental consultancies, which has been endorsed by an EPA appointed auditor and accepted by the EPA," said Dan. "The ICUP provides a framework for continued investigations and immediate steps to reduce the PFAS from entering the environment. In some cases, controls such as the fencing of dams have also been implemented as a precaution to minimise exposure until such time as further investigation is conducted and risks can be better understood.

"We will continue to work closely with health and environmental regulators and will implement recommendations as appropriate."

## Esso donates art to the community

Esso Australia has gifted 40 original artworks to the Gippsland Art Gallery, recognising the local community's ongoing support of Esso's Gippsland operations.

The extensive collection of Australian art showcases a wide variety of local renowned artists, including works by Albert Tucker, Douglas Dundas and Sali Herman, and has been curated over many decades of operating in Australia.

These artworks will be on display for the local community at the Gippsland Art Gallery in the Port of Sale Building in Foster Street on a rotating basis under the credit 'Esso Collection of Australian Art'.

The donation coincides with the opening of Esso's new office in the Port of Sale building.

Esso built the office block back in the 1970s as its Gippsland headquarters.

"It's great to be moving back to our old building," said Esso Offshore Operations Manager Geoff Humphreys.

"This new office helps us to locate personnel close to where our facilities are, so that they can be closer to the equipment and operations they support as we continue to build a stronger business.

"We have always been an active member of the Gippsland community and this move reinforces our local ties. It also coincides with an exciting period as we celebrate 50 years of offshore production in Bass Strait in 2019."

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The Esso Collection at the Gippsland Art Gallery.

# Esso Chat

By David Anderson  
Longford Plants Manager



Welcome to the first issue of our community bulletin. Throughout our history of operations here in Gippsland we have always strived to be a valued member of our community.



*New apprentices undergo induction training in Sale.*

We recognise the importance of collaborating with our community in everything that we do and this bulletin, coupled with regular community meetings, is aimed at improving our communications with our neighbours.

We want to try and demystify what we do at the Plants and open new avenues for people to contact us with any questions or concerns they may have.

It's an exciting time right now as we pursue a range of opportunities to ensure the future of our operations in the increasingly competitive gas market.

There has been a lot of activity in recent months and we have made great progress high-grading our facilities through project work and major maintenance upgrades.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this transformation is the opportunity to build on our skills base by hiring more people.

As someone who started work at Longford as an apprentice many years ago, I can tell you I was particularly pleased to be able to take on 16 new apprentices in conjunction with Federation Training and WPC Group. We have also hired 12 trainee operators and nine experienced maintenance technicians.

When it comes to guaranteeing our future, nothing is more important than preserving and building on the vast knowledge, skills and experience we have accumulated over 50 years of operations.

We do this through our day-to-day operations, including our interactions with the many businesses we rely on in the area, and by encouraging our younger generations to pursue maths and science.

For many years the promotion of maths and science in schools has been a big part of our community contributions programs.

Ours is a business with long time horizons and as a result much of our future will come from the classrooms of our region.

## Sharing safety lessons with police



*David Anderson talks about safety.  
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Safety is our number one priority across our operations, and it's also the number one priority for a number of our key stakeholders.

In order to share learnings and broaden knowledge around community and workforce safety, Longford Plants Manager David Anderson took part in a Victoria Police local safety briefing in Gippsland this month.

David said the safety briefing, attended by around 100 senior police and other local industry contacts, provided an opportunity to give Esso Australia's perspective on safety to an external audience.

"Victoria Police were aware of our extensive safety regulations and how seriously we take safety in everything that we do. The attendees were interested to learn more about our key safety systems and how they shape our day-to-day approach to safety.

"Participating in events such as these enables us to highlight our safety efforts to wide audience, and hopefully ensure that our message of 'Nobody Gets Hurt' reaches the entire community," he said.